पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान की गई एस०टी०डी० तथा आई०एस०डी० कालों के वर्षवार ब्यौरे निम्न प्रकार हैं :—

वर्ष	एस०टी०डी० कालें		आई०एस०टीडी० कालें	
	संख्या	राशि रु०	संख्या	राशि रु०
1989–90 . . .	114	4143.00	1	63.47
1990–91	145	21287.70	7	4406.00
1991–92 . . .	47	3341.80	शून्य	शून्य
(15–2–1992 तक)				

केंद्रीय भंडार के अधिकारियों को समान स्तर की सहकारी समितियों/निगमित निकायों के अधिकारियों को देय सुविधाओं के समान सुविधायें ही प्रदान की गई है, कोई अलावा विशेष सुविधा अनुमत नहीं की गई हैं । इनमें महाप्रबंधक द्वारा भुगतान किए जाने पर निजी प्रयोजनों के लिए स्टाफ कार का सीमित उपयोग शामिल है जैसी सुविधा कि सुपर बाजार के महाप्रबंधक तथा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों तथा स्वायत्त निकायों के मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारियों को उपलब्ध है ।

यह समिति अपने खर्चों में अत्यधिक किफायत बरत रही है तथा केंद्रीय भंडार के प्रबंधकों द्वारा सरकार द्वारा समय-समय पर जारी मितव्ययता विषयक अनुदेशों का कड़ाई से पालन किया जा रहा है ।

1609 Transferred to 29th July, 1992.

Representation to Cancel Civil Services (Preliminary) 1992 Examination

1610. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations for cancellation of Civil Services Preliminary Examination 1992 following the leakage of question papers in Allahabad; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The UPSC received a Memorandum on 17th June, 1992 from an organisation called Joint Action Committee claiming to represent students of different universities demanding cancellation of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination held on 7th June, 1992 on the ground that there was a leakage of the General Studies Paper at Allahabad.

The facts of the case are that immediately after the commencement of the General Studies Paper of the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 1992 held on 7.6.92 an invigilator at one of the examination centres at Allahabad was found photocopying the C&D series of the question book-let. He was arrested by the Police and the original question booklet as well as the photo-copied version was seized by them. This

happened at 3 P.M. whereas the examination commenced at 2.30 P.M. The case has since been handed over to the CBI for investigation.

On the basis of the inquiry conducted by the UPSC, the Commission have come to the conclusion that there is no reason to believe that there had been leakage of the question paper before the commencement of the examination compromising its integrity. A decision has ,therefore, been taken by the Commission not to cancel the examination.

Pending Pension/Family Pension Cases

1611. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had issued certain instructions to all Ministries/Departments that Pension/family pension cases and related issues are to be disposed of during the stipulated period failing which interest on dues of retired officials/families of deceased Government Servants would be paid by Government;

(b) if so, whether all such cases have accordingly been disposed of during the last five years (upto 31st July, 1992) by Ministry of Personnel and Public Grievances and Pensions; and

(c) if so, the details of such cases pending/disposed of at a later stage and the amount of interest paid against delayed cases/proposed to be paid or not to be paid with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. Rules provide for payment of interest only on delayed payment of retirement gratuity/death gratuity.

(b) and (c) Interest is payable if it is clearly established that the delay in payment was attributable to administrative lapse and that the delay was not caused on account of failure on the part of the Government servant in complying with the procedure laid down for sanction of pension/family pension. The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. Similarly decisions for payment of interest on delayed payment of gratuity are also taken on a decentralised basis with the approval of the Secretary of the Ministry/Department concerned. The approval of the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare is not required for payment of interest. The information in the manner desired is, therefore, not centrally available.

SC/ST Backlog in Services

1612. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister's conference held during October, 1991 in New Delhi had decided to fill up the SC and ST backlog in services by the end of March, 1992;

(b) if so, the number of vacancies filled during the period October, 1991 to March, 1992; and

(c) the detailed position of SC and ST backlog in the various Ministries/Departments/Corporations of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Special Recruitment Drive was undertaken to fill up the backlog of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on 31-3-91 in Ministries/Departments of the Central Government. A backlog of 20041 was identified under the Drive against which 9271 candidates were offered appointment. A similar